

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2017-2018

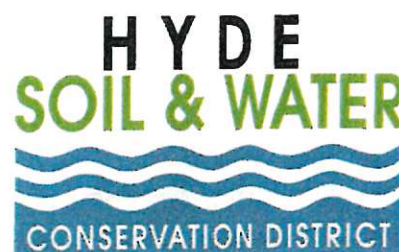
Hyde Government Center Suite #131

P.O. BOX 264

SWAN QUARTER, NC 27885

252-926-4195

<http://www.hydeswcdnc.org/>



The District is a governmental subdivision of the State, a public body corporate and politic, organized in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 139 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and is subject to the powers and restrictions as set forth in G.S. 139. Under this law, the District has the responsibility of conserving soil, water, and related natural resources within the District boundary. (When districts were first organized in 1937, their main responsibility was the control of soil erosion caused by water and wind.) The District board is made up of five supervisors: three elected (J.W. Spencer, Daren Hubers and Darren Armstrong) and two appointed (Earl O'Neal and Chad Spencer). The Board meets monthly to handle current business and stay up to date on environmental matters.

Annual and long-range programs of conservation and development within the District boundaries are developed and carried out with the assistance of local, state, and federal agencies. The Long-Range Program and Work Plan was updated in 2013. The North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program (initiated in 1984 as a pilot program and gradually extended to all counties) has been a great initiative to encourage landowners and landusers to apply best management practices (BMPs). The District also administers the Agriculture Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP) and the Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP). The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, working through a Memorandum of Understanding, is a major source of assistance. This agreement enables the District to furnish federal technical service to individuals, groups, and other agencies and units of government.

Hyde SWCD Supervisors

J. W. Spencer, Chairman

Darren Armstrong, Vice-Chairman

Earl O'Neal, Secretary/Treasurer

Daren Hubers, Member

Chad Spencer, Member

Hyde SWCD & NRCS Staff

Debbie Cahoon, District Administrator

Allie Mulligan, District Resource Specialist

Amy Halker, NRCS District Conservationist

Anthony Hester, NRCS Engineering Technician



Hyde SWCD funded BMP's through 8 contracts this year. The following practices were approved for installation:

- **1 Water Control Structure (ACSP)**
- **3 Land Smoothing (120 acres-ACSP)**
- **3 Cover Crop (450 acres-ACSP)**
- **1 Water Supply Well (AgWRAP)**

NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAM (NCACSP) – Program Year 2017-2018 began on September 15, 2017. The District received a cost share allocation for \$46,026.00 for non-point source pollution control from agricultural activities. These funds were available to assist farmers and landowners with the installation of best management practices which help to decrease the amount of sediment and nutrients entering our water sources. 9 Applications were taken to install conservation practices such as land smoothing, cover crop and water control structures.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCAP) – The Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District received no initial allocation for the Community Conservation Assistance Program. This program is designed to implement conservation practices at the community level such as water cisterns, stream bank and shoreline protection as well as other community related practices. No applications were taken during the program year.

AGRICULTURAL WATER RESOURCES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AgWRAP) - The Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District received an initial allocation of \$7500.00 to be used for the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program. The program is designed to implement conservation practices at the community level—such as water cisterns, stream bank and shoreline protection, as well as other community - related practices. Two applications were taken during the program year for water supply wells. Funds were available to fund 1 water supply well.

NC AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT & FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Encourages the preservation of agricultural, horticultural, horticultural and forest lands (working lands) to foster the growth, development and sustainability of family farms. J.W. and Kathy Spencer applied and received a grant award in the amount of \$540,611.00 to place 210 acres in a conservation easement.



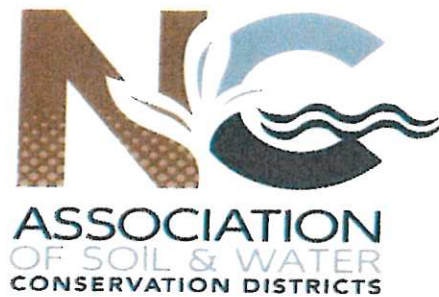
NRCS & DISTRICT STAFF provided assistance to farmers and landowners as of September 1, 2018 on a total of 4,051 acres. These farmers and landowners had conservation plans formulated on their land and 3,061 acres were benefited by the application of a conservation practice. The following conservation programs were utilized in Hyde County during the year:

Conservation Stewardship Program – As of September 1, 2018, a new application to this program was approved for a Hyde County producer covering 1,924 acres. One renewal application was also taken. This program rewards farmers for the good conservation they are already practicing as well as encouraging them to adopt new practices. Several Hyde County producers are receiving payments of nearly \$27,000 per year for five years.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program – Fiscal Year 2018, three new application were taken for practices such as structures for water control, drainage water management (winter water control), and cover crop. No funding has been secured yet, but applications will stay in place until funding becomes available.

Wetland Reserve Program– Four active applications on hand totaling 2,589 acres from Hyde County remain unfunded at this time.

Conservation Reserve Program/Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program—During the past year, one new application was taken from Hyde County Landowners on 15 acres.



Supervisors and Staff Update -

Supervisor Activities - In addition to holding their regular meetings, the Supervisors also attend other meetings to keep informed of the priorities and upcoming issues in the field of soil and water conservation.

NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts - The 74th Annual Meeting entitled, *"Embrace the Challenge"* was held January 7th-9th, 2018 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center in Durham, North Carolina. W. Chris Hogan from Orange SWCD presided over the meeting. During this meeting Dietrich Kilpatrick, Supervisor with Craven SWCD was sworn in as the 2017-2018 Association President. The Hyde District Supervisors were unable to attend this meeting due to obligations to other meetings scheduled during this time. District Staff represented the supervisors at this meeting.

NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts' Area 5 2017 Fall Meeting - The meeting was held on November 9th, 2017 at Camp Cale Event Center in Hertford, North Carolina. Jimmy Trickle the Northeastern Regional Veterinarian and Mark Powell with the Albemarle RC & D were the guest speakers for the meeting. J.W. Spencer serves as a delegate on the Natural Resources Environment Committee and Earl O'Neal serves as an Alternate for the Research and Technology Committee. District Supervisors were unable to attend this meeting. District Staff represented the supervisors at this meeting.

NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts' Area 5 2018 Spring Meeting - The meeting was held on February 15th, 2018 at Camp Cale Event Center in Hertford, North Carolina. Bryan Evans, Executive Director for the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts gave a presentation on the Envirothon Competition sponsored by Districts across the state and Ralston James, Area Coordinator gave a presentation on the Resource Conservation Workshop held at NCSU and sponsored by Districts throughout the state. J.W. Spencer serves as a delegate on the Natural Environment Committee and Earl O'Neal serves as an Alternate for the Research and Technology Committee. District Supervisors were unable to attend this meeting. District Staff represented the supervisors at this meeting.

Education Updates

Hyde SWCD Environmental Field Day - The District hosted its Annual Environmental Education Field Day on October 26th, 2017 at the Ponzer Community Building. Approximately 50 fourth grade students from Mattamuskeet Elementary School along with their teachers and chaperones attended. The students visited 6 stations hosted by the following agencies: NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Goose Creek State Park, North Carolina Wildlife Education Center, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and the North Carolina Forest Service. These agencies provided six learning stations covering wetlands, forestry, fisheries, wildlife and conservation. The North Carolina Coastal Federation staff provided the supplies and assistance in making marine debris fish from recycled water bottles with the students during the craft time.

The District greatly appreciates the partnership with these agencies in promoting an awareness of our environment and an appreciation of our natural resources. District Staff provided snacks and a hot dog lunch with all the fixings for everyone in attendance.



Education Updates Continued

Poster and Essay Contests - "Water... The Cycle of Life" was the theme for 2018 Poster Contest sponsored by the District. Students in 3rd through 5th grade from Mattamuskeet Elementary submitted posters. The District presented cash prizes for all 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places winners as well as a certificate with a ribbon. All first-place winners posters advanced to compete in the Area 5 competition where posters from potentially fifteen other Districts were judged. The winning posters are displayed in the District Office until the next contest cycle. The District 1st place winners were : Brayden Wayne, 5th Grade (pictured below to far left), Owen Clarke, 4th Grade (pictured below in the middle), and Leia Cutrell, 3rd Grade (pictured below to the right). Leia Cutrell received the 2nd place award at the Area 5 competition. Congratulations to all our winners for submitting such great posters!



Hyde Heritage Day @ Mattamuskeet Elementary School on Wednesday, March 28th, 2018– The Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District staff was among the many agencies and businesses to make a presentation to the elementary students Pre-K through 5th grade at Mattamuskeet Elementary School on Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The District Staff used an enviroscape to provide a hands on presentation about the importance of the wise use of our natural resources and about how they assist local farmers and landowners in implementing best management practices on their land to improve water quality. District Staff made available age appropriate booklets entitled, "Watersheds...Our Water, Our Home" to all the students. This material was the stewardship campaign material offered through the National Association of Conservation Districts.



Envirothon Competition – The Area 5 & 6 Coastal Envirothon competitions for middle and high school students was held March 20th, 2018 at Weyerhaeuser's Cool Springs Environmental Education Center in Askins near New Bern, NC . Mattamuskeet Middle School Teacher, Dail Berry advised three middle school teams to compete at the Coastal Envirothon. The Coastal Envirothon is a hands on environmental education program supported by the Area 5 and 6 Soil & Water Conservation Districts, the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Weyerhaeuser, NuCor, Georgia-Pacific and our local Farm Bureaus.

The A Team , (pictured below to left), The Sassie Lassies, (pictured below middle) and The Science Savages (pictured below to the right) under the direction of Ms. Dail Berry, Mattamukseet Middle School Science Teacher competed at the Area 5 & 6 Coastal Envirothon. Top seven teams from each area advanced to the State Competition in Burlington, N.C.



Resource Conservation Workshop @ NCSU - Rylee Midyette and Ashley Spencer, (pictured below) are rising juniors at Pungo Christian Academy and were selected to attend the Resource Conservation Workshop at North Carolina State University on June 24th-29th, 2018. This workshop was hosted by the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts. The Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District sponsored Rylee and Ashley by providing their registration fees and travel expenses. Rylee is the daughter of Daniel and Jenna Brinn of Scranton, North Carolina and Ashley is the daughter of Chad and Paula Spencer of Swan Quarter, North Carolina. Rylee and Ashley both have an interest in learning about our natural resources and its management in today's environment. The Resource Conservation Workshop was a week of intensive study requiring student's attention and participation in a wide range of conservation topics. The students learned about soil characteristics and soil conservation, wildlife and fisheries management, forest management, nonagricultural uses for soils and water quality and watershed management. The students took several field trips to different facilities and experienced hands on learning in the field. At the end of the week of study the students had an opportunity to take a test competing for scholarship awards to further their education.



11th Annual Hyde, Seek and Discover Day Camp June 11th-14th, 2018 - is provided by the Hyde County Cooperative Extension. The Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District is one of the government agencies that partners with 4-H to host this four day summer camp. Together we help provide youth ages 5 to 12 with the opportunity to increase their awareness of environmental issues, increase their team building skills, learn healthy habits and get them involved in various recreational activities.



DISTRICT CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS

Annual Spot Check and Conservation Tour-The spot check and conservation tour of permanent practices still under maintenance for NCACSP was carried out on February 27, 2018. The Supervisors and Staff visited several farms to ensure that cost shared practices were being maintained as required by program regulations. Through the North Carolina Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation program two conservation easements were visited to ensure that they continue to be working agriculture lands and are being maintained through program guidelines.

Hyde County Beaver Management Program— Established in 2008, the county reimburses contracted trappers for trapped beaver not to exceed \$1,000.00 in a given fiscal year. The District received one report of a beaver problem during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. A beaver nuisance call was made and beaver activity was identified at Rose Canal. Four beaver were trapped successfully and payment was made to the trapper @ \$50.00 a beaver.

County wide Drainage Issues-The Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors and Staff have provided assistance to many individuals, land users, and units of government during fiscal year 2017-2018. This has required numerous site visits, scoping meetings in an effort to resolve resource problems.

Swan Quarter Watershed Update



Swan Quarter Watershed –The Swan Quarter Watershed Steering Committee is made up of 9 members serving the community by making recommendations to the County Commissioners on issues related to the continuing operation and maintenance of the Swan Quarter Special Use Drainage District. Tony Carawan serves as the Chairman for the Committee and Josh Gibbs serves as the Secretary. The assessment funds collected for both sections of the drainage districts is run through the County of Hyde finance office. Yearly mowing of 17.7 miles of the earthen dike has been delayed due to excessive rainfall. The Swan Quarter Watershed Committee is working to replace eleven gates in the West Quarter Assessment area. To date 3 gates have been replaced with aluminum side opening gates. The committee has also accepted a bid to have someone build and install new trash grates in the West Quarter Assessment area.



STREAM DEBIRS REMOVAL UPDATE

The Hyde Soil & Water District has received an allocation of funds from the North Carolina Division of Soil & Water Conservation for the purpose of conducting removal of vegetative debris, sediment removal and stream restoration work through 3 phases of grant requests in the amount of \$966,251.00. **Work is complete on the following identified streams and canals:**

♦ Hydeland Canal	\$22,725.00	Mill Ditch	\$ 11,974.50
♦ Rose Canal North	\$ 6,000.00	<u>Slocum Feeder Canal</u>	<u>\$1797.25</u>
♦ Outfall Canal	\$19,800.00	Total to Date	\$152,649.40
♦ Boerema Canal	\$ 1,980.00		
♦ Ruttman Creek Canal	\$12,172.50		
♦ Swindell Fork Canal	\$15,632.00		
♦ Williams Ditch 1 & 2	\$ 506.00		
♦ Rose Bay Canal	\$15,423.75		
♦ Griffin Canal	\$ 2,062.00		
♦ Tiny Oak/Credle/Farrow	\$ 4,426.40		
♦ Fairfield Canal	\$18,432.50		
♦ Juniper Canal	\$ 1,755.00		
♦ West/Gibbs Canal	\$ 3,925.00		

EXTENSION REPORT

Hyde County

Partnering with communities to deliver education and technology that enrich the lives, land and economy of North Carolinians.

Summer 2018

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

NC A&T

W. 2018

SIX MONTH REVIEW

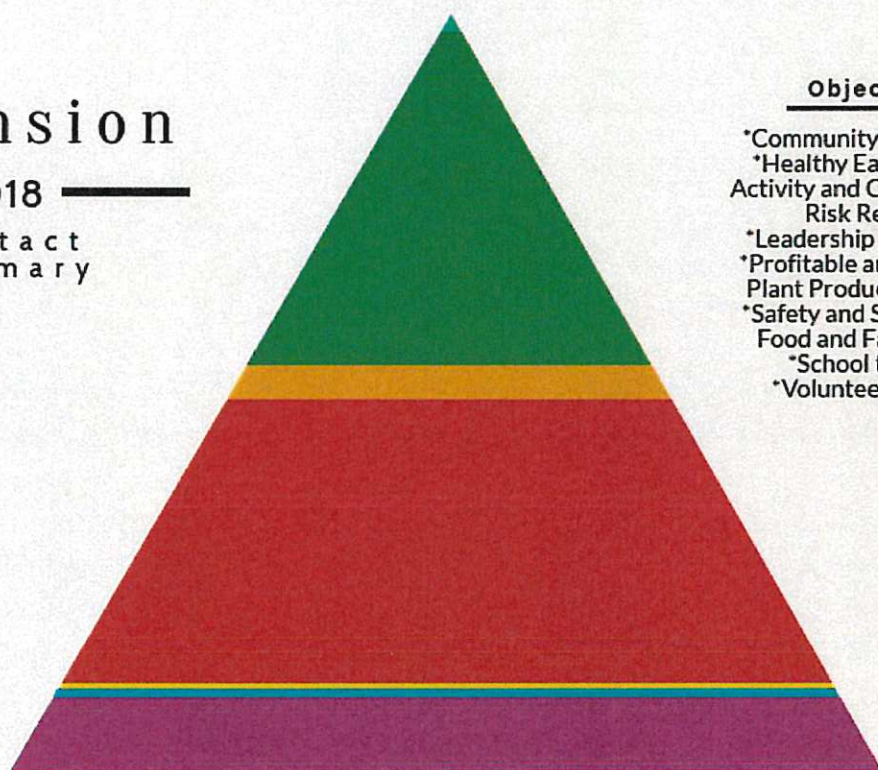
Extension

2018

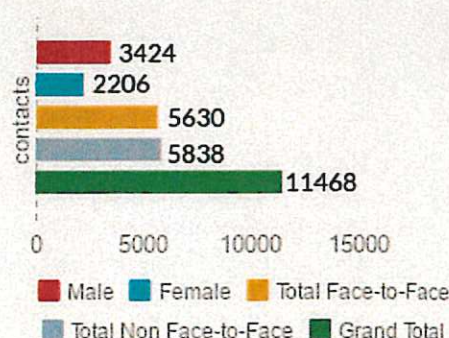
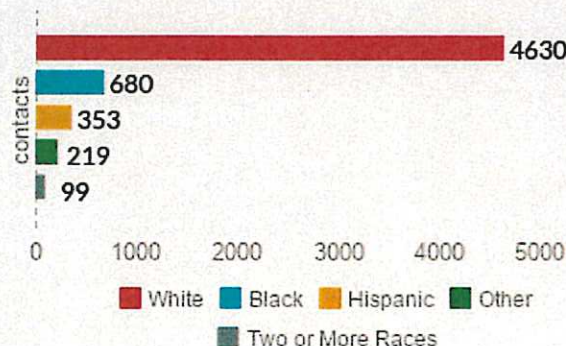
Contact
Summary

Objectives

- *Community Development
- *Healthy Eating, Physical Activity and Chronic Disease Risk Reduction
- *Leadership Development
- *Profitable and Sustainable Plant Production Systems
- *Safety and Security of our Food and Farm Systems
- *School to Career
- *Volunteer readiness



Community Development (9.80%) Healthy Eating, Physical Activity and Chronic Disease Risk Reduction (1.32%) Leadership Development (0.57%) Profitable & Sustainable Plant Production Systems (37.54%) Safety & Security of our Food and Farm Systems (4.47%) School to Career (43.99%) Volunteer Readiness (2.31%)



- Farm Visits
- Problem calls
- Corn Turn Row Meeting with Drs. Ron Heiniger and Dominic Reisig - May 24th (35 people attended)
- Test plots in Hyde County:
 - Cotton variety test - Dr. Guy Collins and Andrea Gibbs
 - Dr. Charlie Cahoon - weed control test in corn
 - Dr. Dominic Reisig - billbug control test
 - Dr. Lindsey Theissen - nematode test in soybeans
 - NCDA&CS and Dr. Carl Crozier - potassium test in corn
 - Soybean population test - Andrea Gibbs
- Blackland Farm Managers Tour work
- June 5: Weed Control Turn Row Meeting with Dr. Charlie Cahoon (30 people attended)
- Cotton Agent Training - June 21
- Soybean fungicide test
- Salt water intrusion grant project work
- Problem calls - water damaged soybeans, soybean diseases, desiccating soybeans
- August 1: Blackland Farm Managers Tour - approximately 450 people attended
- August 13-14: Attended soybean agent training in Raleigh
- August 23: Cotton meeting in Ponzer (Topics: Defoliation & Variety Selection) - 25 people attended

- East Regional Horse Show - May 5th-7th - 2 participants
- School Enrichment - Embryology - Three week program - 49 participants (2nd Grade/EC Class)
- Hyde, Seek and Discover Day Camp - June 11th-14th - 164 participants (Ages 5-14) including Teen Volunteers (13-18) earning volunteer hours for school.
- Northeast District Activity Day - June 20th - 1 participant. Silver Medal District Winner.
- Roanoke Island Adventures Trip - June 22nd - 15 participants - Aquaculture and Sea Otter education.
- State 4-H Summer Camp - June 24th-29th - 53 participants from the mainland and island. Teamwork and interpersonal skill building. Kayaking, Climbing Walls, Campfires, International Night, Swimming, Crabbing, Camp Games.
- "Meet a Farmer" Field Tour - July 2nd - 10 participants - Toured Carawan Farms, Tunnell Farms, Pamlico Shores Produce, Spencer Heritage Farm and Slim Pickin's Produce. Farm, crop, and food education.
- 4-H Photography Camp - July 6th - 3 participants - Toured historical Hyde County sites. Photography education on exposure, lens use, lighting, and focus.
- 4-H Young Chefs - July 10th - 20 participants - Food safety, sanitation and meal prep. Students earned 4-H Master Chef Certification and Recipe Book.
- Durant's Point Kayaking - July 13th - 22 participants - Water safety and kayaking skill building.
- Camp Canvasback - June 15th-20th - 3 participants - Wildlife, Hunting, Boating, and Water education/safety.
- Northeast District Science Camp - July 15th-18th - 6 participants - North Carolina Preparedness Initiative program. Disaster prep, First Aid/CPR training, NOAA weather radio training, disaster psychology. Students will graduate by Winter 2018 and receive certifications.
- 4-H Crafts - July 19th - 5 participants - Led by County Extension Director, Natalie Wayne. Art education and painting techniques.
- 4-H Congress - July 20th-24th - 3 participants - Leadership, interpersonal skill building and teamwork learned through various workshops and programming.
- Simply Natural Creamery Field Trip - July 26th - 14 participants - Education about the dairy industry, Jersey Cows, Milk Production, and Ice Cream Production.
- Movie Under the Stars - July 31st - 35 participants - The Greatest Showman

Supplemental Information



Graham County Board of County Commissioners

Keith Eller
Chairman

12 North Main Street
Robbinsville, NC 28771

Connie Orr
Vice-Chairman

Jacob Nelms
Member

Phone: 828-479-7961
Fax: 828-479-7988

Dale E. Wiggins
Member

Raymond Williams
Member

Rebecca E. Garland, MPA, CPA
County Manager

Kim Crisp
Clerk

August 8, 2018

To: County Commissioners and County Manager

On August 7, 2018, Graham County Board of Commissioners passed the attached resolution in opposition to House Bill 320 "An Act to Expand the Types of Land that Can Qualify for Present Use Value" was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly. As stated in the resolution, HB 320 expands the amount allowable as present use value conservation area for wildlife from a maximum of 100 acres to 800 acres.

According to the Legislative Fiscal Notes for HB 320, the expansion of land that qualifies for Wildlife present use value will result in reduced valuations and tax revenues for counties and some municipalities, which will result in loss of tax base.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed the legislation with little to no feedback from Counties or the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Graham County is comprised of 73% United States Forest Service lands and Tennessee Valley Authority lands. A loss of additional tax base will have a detrimental impact on our ability to provide essential services to its citizens. We have issued the resolution for repeal of this legislation and are requesting the other counties to pass resolutions for repeal of this law.

We appreciate your consideration in petitioning the NC General Assembly for repeal of House Bill 320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebecca E. Garland", followed by the text "MPA, CPA" in blue ink.

Rebecca E. Garland, MPA, CPA
County Manager



RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 320

"AN ACT TO EXPAND THE TYPES OF LAND THAT CAN QUALIFY FOR PRESENT USE VALUE TAXATION AS WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LAND"

WHEREAS, The North Carolina General Assembly in Session 2017 ratified House Bill 320 ("the Bill"), "An Act to Expand the Types of Land That Can Qualify For Present Use Value", which expanded the amount allowable as a present use value ("PUV") conservation area for wildlife from a maximum of 100 (100 hundred acres) to 800 (eight hundred) acres; and

WHEREAS, according to the Legislative Fiscal Notes for House Bill 320, "The expansion of land that qualifies for Wildlife PUV will result in reduced valuations and tax revenues for counties and possibly some municipalities with qualifying properties, and the Fiscal Research Section of the North Carolina General Assembly has determined that there is a likely local impact that they cannot estimate; and

WHEREAS, Graham County is comprised of 193,280 acres of which only 71,234 is taxable due to a high level of federal ownership of the land via USFS and TVA lands and current PUV's. This results in Graham County having only 37% (thirty seven percent) taxable acreage in Graham County; and

WHEREAS, the loss of further acreage in the taxable land base through expansion of the allowable acreage in Wildlife PUV will result in detrimental financial effects on the budget of the County;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the legislation with little to no feedback from Counties or the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners for Graham County oppose the House Bill 320 and request that the North Carolina General Assembly repeal the legislation before its effective date of July 1, 2019.

Graham County Board of Commissioners


Keith Eller, Chairman


Connie Orr, Vice-chairman


Jacob Nelms, Member

Absent
Dale Wiggins, Member


Raymond Williams, Member

ATTEST: 
Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board
08072018#1

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ONSLOW

RESOLUTION 18-010
SUPPORTING AGRICULTURE IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, frivolous nuisance lawsuits are threatening the very existence of farming in North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, agriculture and agribusiness are the number one industry in North Carolina which contributes \$85 billion to our State's economy; and,

WHEREAS, Onslow County has 489,752 total farming acres under the 2012 Census of Agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016 Onslow County was ranked 23rd in the State for agriculture cash receipts, totaling 151.9 million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, we enjoy a food supply that is abundant, affordable, and among the world's safest, thanks in large part to the efficiency and productivity of North Carolina's farmers; and,

WHEREAS, Onslow County farmers locally produce broilers, cattle, hogs, turkeys, corn, soybeans, wheat, tobacco, peanuts, and cotton; and,

WHEREAS, our Nation's farmers provide the food, fuel and fiber for our state and our country; and

WHEREAS, agriculture touches the life of everyone, whether it be in our daily meals or the clothes we wear; and,

WHEREAS, farming supports other community businesses and the local economy; and,

WHEREAS, we are losing farmland at an alarming rate and it is getting progressively more difficult to recruit and retain farmers willing to work our state's land; and,


WHEREAS, we need to support our agricultural industry, farmers and encourage a safe and abundant food supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Onslow County Board of Commissioners do hereby support the passage of Senate Bill 711-NC Farm Act of 2018 and strongly encourage citizens to contact your legislative delegation.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of August 2018.

ATTEST:

ONSLOW COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Julie S. Wand, Clerk to the Board


Jack Bright, Chairman





8/11/18

Dear EMS personnel,

The Ocracoke Island July 4 events this year were a great success and we heartily thank you for your support.

The weather held out and all of our activities were well attended. We are especially pleased that the Ocra-Glow Dance Party at the ball field was a smashing success.

Your support made is all possible, and, again, we thank you. We could not have done it without you!

Sincerely,

OCBA



Rosemary Johnson <rjohnson@hydecourtnc.gov>

Please send - Save the Date

2 messages

Misty Gibbs <mgibbs@hydehealth.com>
To: Kris Noble <knoble@hydecourtnc.gov>

Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 3:54 PM

Kris – Could you please forward this save the date to your board as well? They are invited.

Thanks.

Misty

From: Misty Gibbs [mailto:mgibbs@hydehealth.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 3:47 PM
Subject: Save the Date

HCEPP,

I am the Public Health Representative on the Domestic Preparedness Region 1 (DPR 1) board and current co-chair. DPR 1 serves Hyde, Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrell and Washington counties. DPR 1 will hold an event on October 10 at the Edenton Airport in Chowan County. During this event all of the DPR 1 assets in our region will be showcased. These assets include generators, message boards, prime movers, emergency response vehicles and other assets to assist in emergency response. Counties from all over Eastern NC will be represented. Local officials and emergency responders in each county are invited to attend. Lunch is provided. Flyers will come out soon and will be forwarded to each of you. I wanted to let each of you know early so that you will be able to save the date in your calendars. It should be an exciting showcase of emergency response capabilities. If you will be attending, please let me know. If you are housing a DPR 1 asset and would be able to showcase it that day, please let me know as well. DPR 1 will need a head count of participants for catering.

Thank you for all you do for preparedness in Hyde County.

Sincerely,

Misty

Misty Gibbs

Human Services Planner and Evaluator I

Preparedness Coordinator

Hyde County Health Department

PO Box 100

1151 Main Street

Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Office: 252-542-9236

Fax: 252-926-0021

mgibbs@hydehealth.com

Kris Noble <knoble@hydecountync.gov>

Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 10:55 PM

To: mgibbs@hydehealth.com, Rosemary Johnson <rjohnson@hydecountync.gov>, Lois Stotesberry <lstotesberry@hydecountync.gov>

Misty -

Thanks for keeping Hyde County prepared. We couldnt be happier to have you on our team.

Lois and Rosemary - Please include this as an information item on the September BOC agenda and I will address it also in the Manager's Report.

Thank you all -

Kris

[Quoted text hidden]

--

Kristen Cahoon Noble
County of Hyde
Assistant County Manager
(cell) 252.542.0802

Hyde County Hotline, Inc.
Crisis Intervention, Advocacy and Prevention
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Victimization
P.O. Box 335
Engelhard, North Carolina 27824

August 14, 2018

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
and Hyde County Manager, Kris Noble
Hyde County Government Center
30 Oyster Creek Road
Swan Quarter, North Carolina 27885

Dear Sirs and Madam,

Hyde County Hotline has received the \$10,000.00 allocation of funds to our program for Fiscal Year 2018-19. Words simply cannot convey how grateful we are to receive this funding. We recognize the hard work and effort that each of you put into determining how to allocate funds and we are always encouraged to know that you understand the importance and value of Hyde County Hotline to the communities we serve.

In Fiscal Year 2017-18 we were able to assist numerous victims, their families and support systems. The following clients stand out as an example of the work we do. The agency was able to provide food, clothing, financial assistance and new beds to three children who had been displaced as a result of domestic abuse. We were also able to assist a young woman in breaking the cycle of violence with her boyfriend and helped her relocate from a shelter where he had found her. He was bombarding the shelter with phone calls and texting the client to make threats as well as stalking her outside of the shelter thereby creating an unsafe environment for everyone involved including other shelter residents. Law enforcement had been called to assist at that shelter and they actively pursued a safer environment for the victim. We accepted this victim into our shelter and began the process of healing and recovery. She required medical attention while in our facility and Hotline's trained, professional shelter and advocacy staff were able to create a safe, calm and seamless navigation of services and transition for her throughout her stay. The agency assisted an elderly gentleman obtain safety after his caretaker called us for assistance. He was being physically abused by a family member with allegations of food poisoning. Referrals were made to appropriate agencies to insure adequate supervision and care. Another male victim of physical assault was assisted in obtaining criminal charges against his abusive spouse. Crisis counseling, intervention, advocacy, referrals and information were given to help him re-establish his safety and household belongings as well as joint custody of the children who had become pawns in the relationship. He successfully relocated to another county.

In addition to the various duties and responsibilities that our agency has to assume in the course of any given day, this year we went live with the Prison Rape Elimination Act requirements of

inmates having to be able to access a crisis line from within their facility and local agencies such as ours are now accepting calls from prisons across the state. This has been a complicated process with many wrinkles to iron out including the fact that Hyde County Hotline's crisis line was initially distributed to numerous prisons instead of just Hyde Correctional Facility. We do not work directly with prisoners but we do accept the initial crisis call and then we make referrals to other rape crisis agencies for hospital accompaniment.

We provide therapy, safety planning, hospital accompaniment, referrals, court and medical advocacy to name a few. We continue to follow our guidelines of services to the residents of Ocracoke and have worked with several new as well as ongoing victims from the island. The statistics for the mainland are consistent with trends across the country which indicate that one in three women and one in four men experience some form of abuse at some point in their lifetimes. We serve men, women and children from all walks of life and as you can imagine we have to be very creative in finding ways to meet every need.

Thank you again for your generosity and kindness in your consideration of the important work of Hotline. The needs are endless and your support is making a tremendous difference.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kathryn'.

Kathryn S. Ballance
Executive Director